

Regional Issues - Decimal.

The practice of issuing 'Regional' postage stamps in the UK started in the 'Sterling' era on the **18th August 1958** with the issue of special stamps for sale in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Monmouthshire, Guernsey, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. However, by the time decimalization had been introduced on **15th February 1971**, Guernsey and Jersey had already become independent postal administrations (**1st October 1969**) and were producing their own postage stamps. See Regional Issues (Sterling) for Perfin details, although the stamps involved (a mixture of Sterling and Decimal) are shown below.



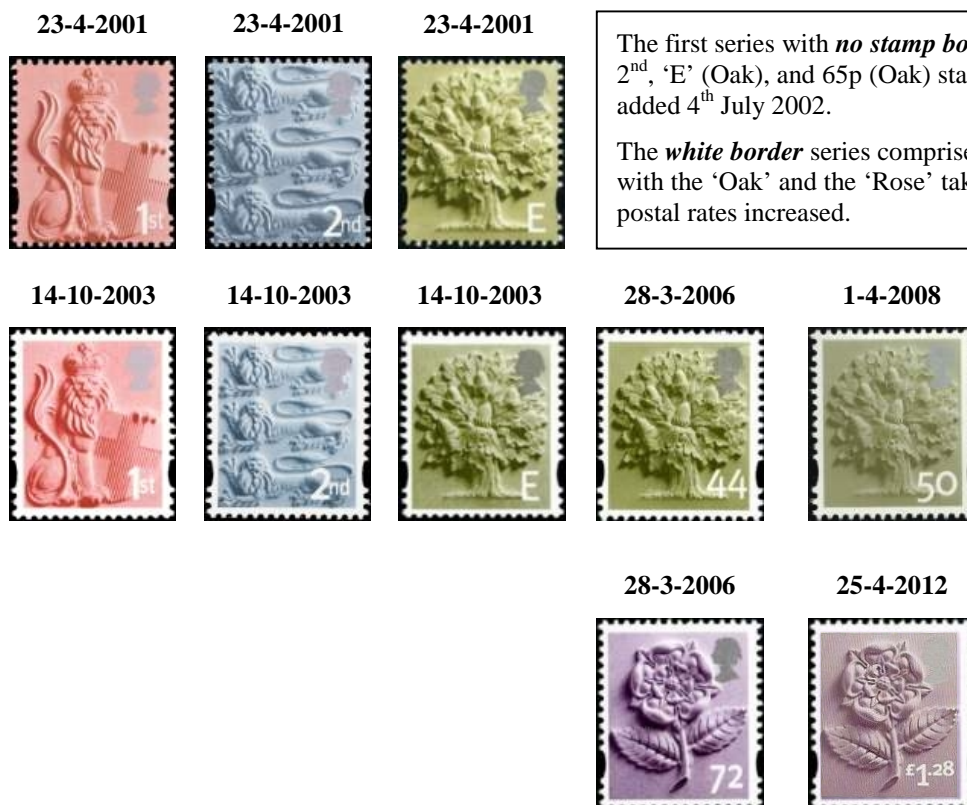
Decimal regional stamps were issued by the GPO for the *Isle of Man*, but they also became an independent postal administration on **5th July 1973**. Moreover, the ambiguity of Monmouthshire being regarded as part of England or Wales was resolved officially (legally) by the local government act of 1972, which came into effect on **1st April 1974**, when it became part of Wales. A late-comer to the 'Regional' postage stamp party was England in April 2001.

No Perfins have yet been found on any of the four decimal regional stamps issued for the *Isle of Man* (typical example shown alongside). The remaining four 'regions', however, can be found with Perfins, although the number of different Perfin dies involved is very small and even then, only a small percentage of the issued stamps are known with Perfins.



As a general rule, *only regional stamps known with Perfins have been illustrated.*

England - Dates of introduction shown above each stamp.



The first series with *no stamp borders* comprised 1st, 2nd, 'E' (Oak), and 65p (Oak) stamps, with 68p (Oak) added 4th July 2002.

The *white border* series comprises 1st, 2nd, 'E' (Oak), with the 'Oak' and the 'Rose' taking on new values as postal rates increased.

15 DDF	PS Cat No	Letters	No border			White border (from 2003)							
			1 st	2 nd	E	1 st	2 nd	E	44p	50p	72p	97p	£1.28
1	C3577.01	C\I	1 st	2 nd									
2	D1543.01	DEE		2 nd			2 nd						
3	H0012.16	H		2 nd									
4	H3410.01M	HH/MC					2 nd						
5	P4145.01m	PS mono				1 st	2 nd		44p	50p		97p	£1.28
6	T1268.01M	TDC		2 nd									
7	Des0295.01	Cross	1 st										
8	Des0500.02	Triangle									72p		

The Perfin record is correct to *1st July 2019*.

Dies in *italics* are private use.

Values in **red** are as yet unconfirmed.

Northern Ireland.

On decimalization, Northern Ireland's 'Sterling' regional issues were replaced by 'Decimal' Machins essentially in the mainland colour for that particular value, but with the inclusion in the top-left corner of a heraldic device representing Northern Ireland - the red hand in a star beneath a crown. This device, along with appropriate devices for Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man, were designed by *Jeffery Matthews*. The first four stamps were introduced on *7th July 1971*.

There are exceedingly few Perfins known on Northern Ireland regionals, and of the five different Perfin dies known, four are 'Private' use. The exception is "NC" which almost certainly *wasn't* used in Northern Ireland. *Nottingham Corporation*, the user of that particular Perfin, must have obtained supplies of regional stamps (not only Northern Ireland, but Scotland, and Wales as well - see later) probably supplied by the GPO to help reduce stocks. Whatever the reason, examples may be found on *six* different Northern Ireland regional values, although none have yet been reported with either a date or legible postmark.

To date, only *one* Perfin has been reported on the later Northern Ireland regionals with *elliptical cuts*, the 'Private' Perfin "C/.." on a 25p Rose-red.



	PS Cat No	Letters	Northern Ireland regional stamps - 16 DDF
1	<i>C0020.01M</i>	<i>C/..</i>	25a (Ell)
2	<i>D1543.01</i>	<i>DEE</i>	26
3	<i>J7670.03</i>	<i>JTD</i>	7
4	N0510.08M	NC	13a, 14a, 17a, 17b, 18b, 22b, 24b
5	<i>P4145.01m</i>	<i>PS mono</i>	12½, 16 (drab), 22 (blue)
6	<i>S2630.01</i>	<i>SEP/..S</i>	2½, 3, 6½



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Scotland.

On decimalization, Scotland's 'Sterling' regional issues were replaced by 'Decimal' Machins essentially in the mainland colour for that particular value, but with the inclusion in the top-left corner of a heraldic device representing Scotland - the Lion. This device, along with appropriate devices for Northern Ireland, Wales, and the Isle of Man, were designed by *Jeffery Matthews*. The first four stamps in the series were introduced on *7th July 1971*.

7-7-1971	7-7-1971	23-1-1974	6-11-1974	7-7-1971	23-1-1974
					
2½ - 5	3 - 5	3½ - 4	4½ - 2	5 - 1	5½ - 3
14-1-1976	18-1-1978	7-7-1971	23-1-1974	14-1-1976	18-1-1978
					
6½ - 3	7 - 3	7½ - 1	8 - 1	8½ - 2	9a - 6
20-10-1976	26-4-1978	25-2-1976	8-4-1981	23-7-1980	7-1-1986
					
10a - 4	10½a - 1	11 - 1	11½ - 3	12 - 2	12a - 1
24-2-1982	23-10-1984	30-1-1980	8-4-1981	8-11-1988	15-8-1979
					
12½ - 3	13a - 2	13½ - 1	14 - 3	14a - 1	15 - 1



From **8th June 1999** new designs for Scottish regionals were introduced, with the Scottish Lion used for the 1st class stamp, a Scottish Flag for the 2nd class stamp, a Thistle for 'E' (rate to Europe), and Tartan for the 64p stamp. The Tartan stamp later came out with new values, 65p and 68p, as postal rates increased. All six stamps were in the 'no stamp border' format. Commencing **14th October 2003**, stamps with white borders were introduced.



	PS Cat No	Letters	Scottish regional stamps - 80 DDF
1	B7060.02M	B.T	2½, 3
2	C1110.01M	CC	17a
3	C1250.02M	CC/C	2½, 3, 3½, 5½, 8, 9a
4	D0960.02	DC ^o /SL ^d	2½, 3, 3½, 4½, 5½, 6½, 7, 8½, 9a, 10a
5	D1365.01	DD/PS	1 st (Ell), 2 nd (Ell) - both <i>with</i> stamp borders
6	G0011.10M	G	2½, 3, 3½, 4½, 5, 5½, 6½, 7, 7½, 8½, 9a, 10a, 11½a, 12, 12a, 12½, 13a, 14, 15½, 16, 17a, 18a
7	G0780.01M	G.C.	2½, 3, 3½, 6½, 7, 9a, 10a, 11½a, 12½, 14, 16
8	H0012.16	H	17b, 18b, 24b
9	J6300.01	JP/II	9a, 10a, 10½a, 11, 11½a, 12, 12½, 13½, 14, 15, 15½, 18, 19½, 22, 26
10	J7670.03	JTD	9a
11	N0510.08M	NC	13a, 14a, 17b, 19
12	R0017.01	R	16
13	Des0295.01	Cross	17a, 2 nd (Ell) - <i>no</i> stamp border

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Wales.

On decimalization, Welsh 'Sterling' regional issues were replaced by 'Decimal' Machins essentially in the mainland colour for that particular value, but with the inclusion in the top-left corner of a heraldic device representing Wales - the Welsh Dragon. This device, along with appropriate devices for Northern Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man, were designed by *Jeffery Matthews*. The first four stamps in the series were introduced on 7th July 1971.

7-7-1971	7-7-1971	23-1-1974	6-11-1974	7-7-1971	23-1-1974
					
2½ - 4	3 - 4	3½ - 4	4½ - 3	5 - 2	5½ - 3
14-1-1976	18-1-1978	7-7-1971	14-1-1976	18-1-1978	20-10-1976
					
6½ - 3	7 - 3	7½ - 1	8½ - 3	9a - 4	10a - 4
26-4-1978	25-2-1976	8-4-1981	23-7-1980	7-1-1986	24-2-1982
					
10½a - 1	11 - 1	11½a - 3	12 - 2	12a - 2	12½ - 4
23-10-1984	30-1-1980	8-4-1981	8-11-1988	15-8-1979	24-2-1982
					
13a - 4	13½ - 1	14 - 4	14a - 1	15 - 1	15½ - 3



To date, **no** Perfins have been reported on the later Welsh regionals with *elliptical cuts*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	Welsh regional stamps - 82 DDF
1	B5820.01	BP/M	2½, 3, 3½, 4½, 5½, 6½, 7, 8½, 9a, 10a, 12½, 13a, 14, 17a, 18a, 24b
2	<i>C0020.01M</i>	<i>C/.</i>	24b
3	C1110.01M	CC	2½, 3, 3½, 4½, 5, 6½, 7, 8½, 9a, 10a, 11½a, 12a, 12½, 13a, 14 15½, 16, 17a, 18a
4	<i>D1543.01</i>	<i>DEE</i>	26
5	G0011.10M	G	13a
6	J4418.01	JJ/MIC	19
7	J6300.01	JP/II	9a, 10a, 10½a, 11, 11½a, 12, 12½, 13½, 14, 15, 15½ 18, 19½, 22, 26
8	J6970.08	JS/&C°	5½
9	<i>J7670.03</i>	<i>JTD</i>	3
10	N0510.08M	NC	12a, 13a, 14a, 17a, 17b, 19, 22b
11	P2610.01M	PJ	2½, 3½
12	S1210.01M	SC	2½, 3, 3½, 4½, 5, 5½, 6½, 7, 7½, 8½, 9a, 10a, 11½a, 12 12½, 14, 15½

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